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LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DICK MOOSE

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA PROPOSALS

1. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHERE WE STAND
WITH OUR RHODESIA INITIATIVES IN THE WAKE OF THE PAST WEEKS'
DEVELOPMENTS. YOUR RESPONSE NEED NOT BE A MAJOR EXERCISE,
BUT I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE
FOLLOWING, AS SEEN FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT:

(A) GENERAL OUTLOOK;

(B) KEY PROBLEM AREAS;

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(C) PRINCIPAL DANGERS TO THE INITIATIVE AND TO US POLICY;

(D) WHERE OUR PRIMARY EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED; AND,

(E) DESIRABLE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS.

2. FYI: ON THE BASIS OF MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH DAVID

OWEN, WE WILL BE CONSIDERING MAKING OUR MOVE AT THE UN
TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR A UN REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT TWO WEEKS
FROM NOW. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP
WITH OAU GOVERNMENTS TO EXPLAIN AND SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR

THE PROPOSAL. WE WILL ALSO BE GIVING MORE SERIOUS THOUGHT
TO AVAILABLE PRESSURES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO MOVE SMITH.

3. THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR HELP ON THE INITIATIVE THE
PAST FEW WEEKS. VANCE

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